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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

AMBASSADOR MININ AND ASSOCIATE CALLED AT THEIR REQUEST ON AMBASSADOR DALE AND DCM. MAJOR PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO ASCERTAIN ASST.

SECRETARY BUFFUM'S PLANS WITH RESPECT TO FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

SECOND PURPOSE WAS TO PROBE US POSITION ON POLITICAL FUTURE OF CYPRUS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REPEATED INCREDULOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT BUFFUM, WE SAID WE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD BE RETURNING FOR AUG. 8 NEGOTIATIONS AND THERE WAS INDEED POSSIBILITY HE WOULD NOT BE COMING. MININ WAS VISIBLY DISTURBED AT THIS RESPONSE AND CONFESSED THAT IF BUFFUM IS NOT HERE IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO REMAIN.

3. MININ EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION THAT THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT INCLUDED NO PROVISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND AND IN PARTICULAR FOR "ITS SOVEREIGNTY". QUESTION OF CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS WAS CLEARLY ONE WHICH WAS FOREMOST IN HIS MIND AND HE INVOKED SPIRIT SECRET

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OF DETENTE AS REASON FOR US AND USSR TO WORK TOGETHER GENERALLY ON

CYPRUS QUESTION AND PARTICULARLY ON MAINTAINING ITS SOVEREIGNTY. IN THIS CONNECTION HE ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF FUTURE OF MAKARIOS. WE OF COURSE MADE NO COMMENTS OTHER THAN TO INDICATE THAT (A) MAKARIOS IS RECOGNIZED HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, (B) CLERIDES IS ACTING HEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTION.

4. IN DEPARTING MININ MADE PLEA FOR CONTINUED CLOSE CONTACT. WE AGREED WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH AND WOULD LET HIM KNOW OF PLANS FOR COVERING FUTURE MEETINGS.

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